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WASHINGTON, January 25, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 6,064 in 1983, compared with 7,671 in 1982, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Of the total orders in 1983, 5,962 were ordered new from carbuilders and 100 were rebuilds, and two were to be built new in railroad shops.

Orders in December totaled 805, compared with 351 in November and 231 in December 1982.

Deliveries in 1983 totaled 5,872, compared with 18,736 cars placed in service the previous year. December deliveries came to 745, compared with 615 in November and 939 in December a year earlier.

As of January 1, 2,905 cars were on order but undelivered, compared with 3,156 on December 1, and 4,295 on January 1 of last year. Average monthly backlog in 1983 was 3,926, compared with 8,938 in 1982.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 318 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in 1983, compared with 520 in 1982. December deliveries totaled 109, compared with 11 in November and 93 in December a year ago.

As of January 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 48, compared with 128 on December 1, and 27 on January 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives on January 1 was 25,787, compared with 25,773 on December 1, and 27,136 on January 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	December		November	Twelve Months	
	1983	1982	1983	1983	1982
Built New by Car Builders	745	477	615	5,570	15,515
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	288	0	202	1,721
Built New - Total	745	765	615	5,772	17,236
Rebuilt	0	174	0	100	1,500
TOTAL DELIVERED	745	939	615	5,872	18,736
Locomotives	109	93	11	318	520

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	805	231	351	5,962	6,321
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	2	750
To be built New - Total	805	231	351	5,964	7,071
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	100	600
TOTAL ORDERED	805	231	351	6,064	7,671

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	January 1		December 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1983	1983	1982
To be built New by Car Builders	2,905	4,095	3,156	3,880	7,852
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	200	0	23	772
To be built New - Total	2,905	4,295	3,156	3,903	8,624
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	23	314
TOTAL ON ORDER	2,905*	4,295	3,156	3,926	8,938
Locomotives	48	27	128	116	137

*Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the January 1, 1984 backlog has been reduced by 311 cars.

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